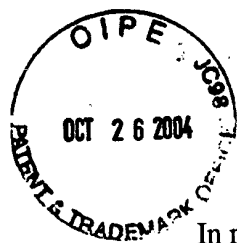


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**EXCESS CLAIM FEE PAYMENT LETTER**

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Sir:

An Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 is attached hereto for concurrent filing in the  
above-identified application. The resulting excess claim fee has been calculated as shown  
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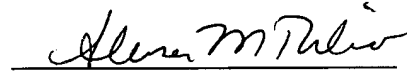
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A check for the statutory fee of \$88.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and  
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Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

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In response to the Office Action dated August 16, 2004, please amend the above-  
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